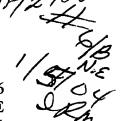


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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of October 23, 2003, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.